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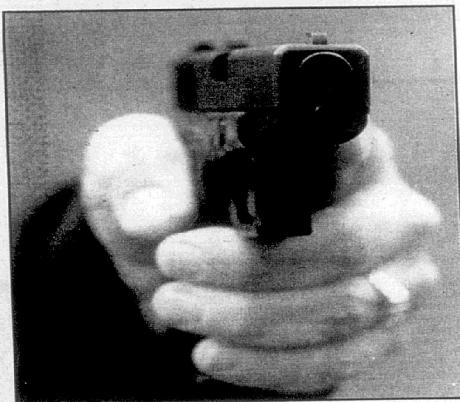
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Crime numbers continue to drop



Officials pleased with trend

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While crime rates continued downward in Madison County, some cities showed large increases in certain categories. "Crime In Illinois," a yearly survey of statewide statistics, showed decreases in most crime rates throughout the state.

Countywide, the crime rate fell 9.4 percent, to 4,824 per 10,000. The total number of incidents reported fell to 11,195 from 12,353.

The number of murders in Madison County remained unchanged at eight. There were increases in aggravated sexual assault, up 22 percent; aggravated battery, and assault, up 22 percent; and motor vehicle theft, up 9 percent.

Categories showing decreases included: robbery, down 6.8 percent; burglary, down 13.9 percent; and theft, down 12.6 percent.

Locally, the Tri-City area showed decreases higher than state or county averages, but some categories showed dramatic increases.

One reason for some of the high rates of increase is the small number of crimes in a specific category.

GRANITE CITY showed a decrease of 10.2 percent. No murders or arsons were reported in 1997.

Statistics were: criminal sexual assault, to 29 from 19 — up 52 percent; robbery, to 24 from 38 — down 36 percent; assault and battery, to 123 from 96 — up 28 percent; burglary, to 315 from

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Crime down statewide

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

ILLINOIS

while Chicago saw a 1 percent decrease. The only increase in statewide crime categories was a 1 percent increase in criminal sexual assaults, to 4,033 from 3,994.

Statewide, violent crimes were down 4.3 percent over 1996, and decreased 5.4 percent in downstate areas.

Property crimes showed decreases of 2.3 percent for the state and 3.6 percent for downstate.

ISP Director Terrance W. Gainer credited effective community policing and problem-solving strategies, more police officers, and parental and community involvement as some of the

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Trash stashers

Bob Simon, Barb and Larry Yust and Jeanette Holder clean up one of the islands in the median of Nameoki Road north of Pontoon Road during the Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce Stash Trash Classic last weekend. The group was sponsored by CVM Realty.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Papal visit has region ecstatic

By Scott Kelly
and Mark Hodapp
Staff writers

Pope John Paul II is coming to the St. Louis area in January and area Catholics are jubilant.

The Pope, the head of the Catholic Church, will visit St. Louis Jan. 26, 1998, and possibly later in the year as well. The World Dome, The Vatican in Rome informed Archbishop Justin Rigali of St. Louis' Thursday of the Pontiff's visit.

St. Louis Mayor Clarence "Fritz" Neely estimated that as many as 600,000 people from across the Midwest may come to St. Louis to see the Pope.

In the Granite City area, Catholics at Holy Family Church, 2806 Washington Ave., will be preparing for his visit.

"It's a great opportunity for all us to search for justice and peace," said Rev. Tom Wise of Holy Family.

Though the Pope will possibly spend much if not all of his short visit in the St. Louis archdiocese, and Wise said Holy Family will undoubtedly have help from the archbishops of both the St. Louis and Springfield (Ill.) dioceses as plans for the visit become more clear.

"It will be a time for renewal," he said.

Betty Huelsmann, a secretary at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, was elated by the announcement.

"I already have asked

'It's a great opportunity for all us to search for justice and peace. It will be a time for renewal.'

The Rev. Tom Wise
Holy Family

Father William Hitpas for the day off to see him," she said. "We're sold sure."

No details are final on where he will visit.

Huelsmann said wherever the pope visits, it will create excitement.

"It's not just it is already making the headlines," she said.

The Rev. Thomas Barrett of St. George Church in New Baden called the pope's event "a notable event."

He added he once tried to see the pope while on vacation in Rome. But the pope was visiting Germany at the time.

Barrett said he hopes to see the pope while in St. Louis.

He prepared the pope's visit to that of a world official, or someone you admire, coming to your house for dinner.

Patty Schilling, secretary at St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, called the pope's visit "great."

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Wright heads helping group

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Denice H. Wright has been serving the community for many years, helping provide food, clothes and information for those in need.

It's only fitting she has been named the 1998 Woman of Achievement in community service.

Wright is the president of Protestant Welfare in Granite City, a social assistance agency for which she says she's always had a soft spot.

"The thing I'm pleased about and love about Protestant Welfare is that the agency is here to help those in need," Wright said.

"One of my phrases is it's the 'key' in providing clothes and food and furniture," she said.

Protestant Welfare is a food pantry and clothes center, a loaner of medical equipment and a resource and information center. All services are offered free of charge.

Wright, of Granite City, has been president for 10 years, and something of a visionary.

The agency used to be located at a much smaller building on Edison Avenue. That build-



Women of Achievement

'There's thousands of women out there who do volunteer work and are dedicated to many facets of service. To think that someone thought I was doing enough — it's an honor to be thought of.'

Denice Wright

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OPINION

CAROL'S COMMENTS

Graveyard humor better than none



Carol Clarkin

When El Nino generated storms that struck the California coast earlier this year, causing mudslides, highway washouts, you name it, I became a bit concerned about the welfare of a couple of long-time friends, both older than I, and neither in good health, so I phoned to check on them.

No problem at all. Van Den Newen, Santa Barbara. Her property was undamaged, no new health problems, still tutoring gifted kids.

But no answer on the phone from Marge Bancroft in Laguna Beach. And no answering machine, which is unusual.

"Oh, well," I thought. "She's probably visiting her son, Greg." But that was not my guess; remembrance of a note enclosed with her Christmas card that mentioned two cancer surgeries in '97 and hint that recovery from the second one was slow.

Last week mail's brought the answer, a peach-colored envelope, no return address, postmarked Phoenix. From Greg, who I thought was still living in San Francisco.

A multi-talented woman, as well as an extremely public service-minded one; over the year, Marge has been active in the Orange County Children's Hospital Guild and the country's American Paralysis Guild.

She has served on the boards of both the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Research Center in New York City and the Naval Research Center in Washington, D.C.

During the many years she and her late husband, Dick, lived in Kokomo, she had been and was continuity director for a local radio station, written a humor column for a Kokomo newspaper and had been published in such magazines as *The New Yorker* and *Marionette*. She was also a free-lance designer of greeting cards and not the sentimental gooey-gushy sort of cards. Marge has always been a lady of style.

And was to the end. When I opened the envelope last week, the front of the card said it all. On nearly every large sample basic sketch. In the background, a fence, tree and two more recognizable grave markers. In the foreground, a headstone reading, "Marjorie Blackburn-Bancroft, Mrs. D. O. You were sick?" Turning the card over, her familiar signature, "Marge," followed by "End of the line."

Inside the card, a photo of a

smiling woman, looking much as she did the last time I saw her, with a feather from an old piano song. "When my life is through and the angels ask me to recall the thrill of it all, then I shall tell them I remember you," followed by "Thanks for your love," "All in my own handwriting."

Greg also included a formal obituary and some touching reflections of his own on things created, lost, touch or change. That it had not crippled love, shattered hope, corroded faith or eaten away peace, silenced courage or invaded the soul and concluded. It did not diminish mother's beauty, dignity, or courage, even in the very end."

I'm aware, of course, that there are people who would view as unattractive or inappropriate or just plain weird for someone to prepare their own death notice in advance, but I'm not one of them.

Marge was an extremely realistic person and it's one more thing she remained to the end and I'm proud of her for that. As well as the fact that she retained her sense of humor, even though some might consider it black humor, noir humor, graveyard humor.

I keep the notice, of course. I'm sorry that I haven't saved any of the well-over-50 "Marjo" Christmas cards that she designed over the years. They were always a hoot.

FOR THE PEOPLE

Truman's foresight led diversity movement

By Rep. Carol Moseley-Braun

Dr. Martin Luther King once said that the Declaration of Independence was a "declaration of intent." By that he meant that the commitments of that eternal document, when written, did not at the time apply to all Americans, but only to some of them.

Women were excluded altogether, native Americans and poor had less rights than landowners, and blacks were counted as three-fifths of a person. And yet the vision and truth of the principles set forth in Declaration and Constitution of this great country have been the bedrock foundation of the patriotism of all Americans over time, no matter their condition at the time of its drafting, and no matter how difficult the struggle for equality and realization of the intent.

The rights so eloquently articulated in

the Declaration of Intent in self-government could only be established, and later defended, by a strong military. Our armed forces, indeed all Americans, owe a debt of gratitude to President Truman, who 50 years ago strengthened our military and our society by interpreting the U.S. armistice terms.

Americans of African descent were eager to defend the ideal and the promise of this noble experiment in self-government. From very beginning of the Civil War, Revolutionary War, more than 5,000 free blacks fought to establish these United States of America. Rhode Island had a black battalion, and African-American men and women served in units from the various states as laborers, spies, nurses, cavalry, and infantrymen.

In no military conflict were Americans

of African descent unwilling to offer their

very lives to the service of their country,

no matter the condition of their citizenship.

My own grandfather served in the

Army in World War I, and I have vague

recollections of stories of the experiences

he had in France during that world-shaping

cataclysm.

He left, and returned to an American of Jim Crow apartheid, but was proud to have done his part to preserve freedom. His service, and that of others, was founded on their sincere love of America and their belief in its ideals. He believed in the Declaration of Intent, and was prepared to give his life in behalf of its promise.

Continuing that tradition, my father

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LETTER

Impaired attitude

TO THE EDITOR:

Upon reading and hearing recent statements by Jack Frandsen I am again reminded of the old cartoon, Mr. Magoo. Mr. Magoo was blind and the recurring statement after his successful blunders was always, "O Magoo, you have done it again."

Mr. Frandsen, you have indeed "done it again" (Mr. (See LETTER, Page 4A)

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Coker
MILDRED (GOAD) COKER, 64, of Granite City, died April 23, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Coker was born Feb. 15, 1934, in Hills Mo. She was a member of the Suburban Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Carl William Coker; one son, Larry Coker of Thomas, Mo.; two daughters, Becky Coker of Granite City, and Lynne Elkins of Carmel, Ind.; seven sisters; a brother, Carl Goad of Granite City; three brothers, Richard Goad of St. Louis, Barbara Swarling of Brenham, Texas; Karen Swarling of Marion, Ill.; Martin Gishen of Esther, Mo., and Shirley Shiner of Pontoon Beach; four brothers; John Goad and Edgar Goad of Lawton, Okla., and Jerry Goad of South San Francisco, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Scott and Augusta (Habbits) Goad; one sister, Evelyn Hopkins; and one half-brother, Felix Goad.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, April 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Roy Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Paul McGinness

PAUL E. McGINNESS, 72, of Saline County, died Thursday, April 23, 1998, at St. Joseph Hospital in Maysville.

Mr. McGinness was born Feb. 27, 1926, in Mattoon. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with duty in Australia. After the war, he had worked as a police officer in Carlin, operated several truck stops, was a bartender at the El Paso Club in Carlin, and worked at Granite City Steel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Scott and Augusta (Habbits) Goad; one sister, Evelyn Hopkins; and one half-brother, Felix Goad.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, April 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be held Saturday, April 25, at Kurtin-Afton Chapel in Alton, Ill. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila (Dillier) McGinness; two daughters, Gina McGinness of Grantfork, Paula Bierman of Maysville; one son, Paul of Greenfield, Ind.; one son, Jerry McGinness of Potosi, Mo.; and two step-daughters, Daelyn and Cindy Sauer of Lebanon; five sisters, Mildred Pierson of San Antonio, Texas; Lillian Cooksey-Pierson of Johnstown, Pa.; Ruthie Schaefer of Charlene Peacock, and LaDonna Mundy all of Granite City; three brothers, Richard E. McGinness of Glen Carbon, Marvin Gishen of Esther, Mo., and Shirley Shiner of Pontoon Beach; and four sisters, Naomi McGinness and Ethel McGinnis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Owen officiating. Burial will be in Glen Carbon Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Virginia Johnson

VIRGINIA B. "GINNY" (SCOTT) JOHNSON, 83, of St. Louis, died Wednesday, April 22, 1998.

Mrs. Johnson was born in St. Louis, Mo., and worked at Granite City Steel in Quality Control.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and sons, Garrett and Adele Scott.

Services were held Saturday, April 25, at Kurtin-Afton Chapel in Alton, Ill. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salem Lutheran Church.

Tyler Dawson

TYLER D. DAWSON, 2 days old, of

said, but either could be adapted for a historical museum or office space.

Stille said he expects that a private developer will eventually apply for the 100-bed aging home permit now held by the county, but not the 65-bed permit for the sheltered card home. The 100-bed permit would be used only on a new home, he said.

Homes

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County Administration Building after the vote and vowed to campaign against the 15 board members who voted against the house.

Board member Bob Stille, D-Edwardsville, who voted to keep the home open, said he was not sure what would happen to the home.

Neither is suitable for use as a private nursing home, he

said, but either could be adapted for a historical museum or office space.

Stille said he expects that a private developer will eventually apply for the 100-bed aging home permit now held by the county, but not the 65-bed permit for the sheltered card home. The 100-bed permit would be used only on a new home, he said.

Visit

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"I just hope to have the day off," she said. "But I'll have to wait and see."

Carolyne Sedabres, the secretary at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Belleville, attended a mass given by the pope in Rome. She has been working in the armed forces there. She said she looks forward to seeing the pope in St. Louis, too.

"It's neat just to see him walk down the aisle to an alter," Sedabres said.

Letter

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Frandsen, you and Mr. Magoo are alike in that you are both comical and visually impaired. The difference being, Mr. Frandsen, your impairment is by choice.

To make the statement that we don't know what we are doing at the Madison County Nursing Home is just another of your humorous lies.

We have an administrator with 24 years' experience. Sixteen of those years turning a profit for a profit home and eight years at the Madison County Nursing Home returning several hundred thousand dollars back to the budget each year.

I believe his record shows he knows what he is doing. Those that are confused, lost, or

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Several years ago, Mary Anne planned a trip for several Holy Child Church students in Mascoutah. The students were attending the World Youth Conference in Denver. The pope was the guest speaker.

"After the students came back, they said it was a fabulous experience," she said.

The Pope visited St. Louis once before, in 1969, when he was Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, archbishop of Krakow, Poland.

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NEWS

System passes initial test

Tornado warnings provided early challenge

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Granite City's new Emergency Warning System got its first real test this month when high winds and a tornado hit the area.

On April 14 Granite City was under a tornado warning. All the sirens sounded and the "tac cover" message was broadcast.

City workers replaced eight 30- and 35-year-old sirens in early April with the latest, state-of-the-art equipment. Twelve new sirens have been installed, with a 13th one to be added later in April.

The old system, like those that still exist in many major cities across the country and around the world, would only send out a tone that warned of approaching danger. For example, the City of St. Louis only recently decided to replace its antiquated siren

such as chemical spills that affect only small portions of the city.

"With the new system as with the old, there are houses throughout the city that cannot hear the sirens inside the house," said Mayor Ron Selph. That would require a siren on every building in the city. Instead, the old and new sirens are made to be heard outside.

"The closer you are to a siren pole, of course, the easier it is to hear the siren inside or outside," said Selph.

The system is definitely louder, however. Selph said he could hear the sirens clearly out at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus.

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system, half of which do not work.

The new Granite City system, however, has voice capability with four pre-recorded messages.

It also has a public address feature which allows police or fire officials to speak to all residents or to isolated segments of the city. The latter feature allows action in cases

such as chemical spills that affect only small portions of the city.

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Damage was substantial during the April 14 tornado in Granite City.

If you hear a siren or voice message, go to the door and listen.

Turn on a local TV station. Then all monitor threatening weather.

Another advantage the new system offers is it is not susceptible to loss of electrical power. The new system uses batteries and a battery charger encased on every siren pole. The batteries can power the siren for 40 minutes even if power is lost, Selph said.

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The siren can still sound even if the pole is knocked over, as long as the batteries and speakers are still intact, he said.

When a message is broadcast, city officials urge broadcasts to heed the instructions and not waste time calling the police or fire departments for information.

Maj. Kip Pomeroy said during the April 14 storms, the police switchboard was over-

loaded with calls from residents seeking information and instructions, which prevented police from fully performing their jobs.

Perhaps people remembered the mistaken broadcast from the previous week, but in the future city officials ask residents to tune in to television or radio stations for further information (see related story).

"In the April 14 tornado we received about 10 minutes advanced notice," Selph said.

Coordinator apologizes for false warning

A mistaken warning message was broadcast throughout Granite City on April 7.

Ray Schultz, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency coordinator, said the correct message should have been for a "test" of the warning system, which occurs at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

The message that went out was for a "tornado warning," he said.

"The wrong button was activated, which activated an incorrect warning," he said. "Additional steps have been taken to prevent this from happening again in the future. I apologize to the citizens of Granite City for their inconvenience."

The system will be tested again on May 4, the first Tuesday of next month.

— Scott Kelly

The warning system is normally activated from the police station by the dispatcher on duty with authority from myself or the officer in charge," Schultz said.

The warning system has four buttons of pre-recorded messages, and each button is programmed to send a different warning.

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Crime

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 40 — down 22 percent; theft, to 1,126 from 1,251 — down 10 percent; and motor vehicle theft, steady at 108.

"I think you can always get better, but we're very pleased with our overall efforts, and we're very pleased that our stats are what they are," said Maj. Kip Pomeroy, of the Granite City Police Department.

Pomeroy said he did not know the reason for the increase in sexual assault statistics, but the increase in battery and assault cases came from an increased emphasis on domestic battery cases.

"It's not that our populace here has become more violent," he said.

"Before there was a problem, Bill smacked Sally or whatever, if she didn't want to prosecute, it died," Pomeroy said. "Now we've taken that responsibility out of the victim's hands now, we do prosecute."

He said officers are also trying to settle disputes in the neighborhood.

He said that effort, along with working through the school system, is paying off in lower crime rates.

"I think what we're finding is that it's all coming together," he said.

MADISON showed a 13.5 percent decrease, including one murder.

Statistics were: criminal sexual assault to five from seven — down 28 percent; robbery to 14 from 21 — up 14 percent; assault and battery, to 23 from 32 — down 28 percent; burglary, to 110 from 122 — down 9.8 percent; theft, to 265 from 330 — down 19.7 percent.

People

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 served in World War II. Up until World War II, enlistment of Americans in the military service had been minimal, but after Pearl Harbor, there were approximately 400,000 African Americans in the Army. By the end of the war, there were more than 150,000 in the Navy.

In 1948, Harry Truman moved the Declaration of Intent closer to reality when he integrated the armed forces. He made it possible for Americans of color to participate in America's Defense of the ideal liberty. By Executive Order 9901, he was able to breathe life into the promise of equality, and in so doing gave

cent; and motor vehicle theft, to 54 from 46 — up 17 percent. Arson was unchanged at three.

Police Chief Steve Cielo credits "good police work by our officers" for the decrease.

"We have a bunch of dedicated officers who work very hard," he said. "I think it shows in the numbers."

In 1996, the crime rate in Madison has decreased by almost half.

He said the large percentage increase in robberies shows only the problems with the statistics.

"It shows a 14 percent increase, but what you have to look at is the total numbers," he said. "There were 21 reported in 1996 and 24 reported in 1997."

Two statistics that do not show up on the "Crime in Illinois" report are warrant and local drug sales.

Skolko said those type of arrests which keep Madison officers busy, help keep down the other statistics.

"If you stop drugs then you have to stop the other crimes that go with them. The thefts, the robberies, the burglaries, people trying to support their drug habits," he said.

"Crime in Illinois" shows a 6.1 percent statewide increase in all types of drug arrests.

"That includes a 6.8 percent increase in arrests for marijuana, a 2.5 percent increase for other controlled substances, a 5.6 percent increase in arrests for possession of hypodermic needles, and a 23 percent increase in drug paraphernalia arrests."

VENICE showed an 18 percent drop in crime. There were no murders reported.

Statistics were: criminal

sexual assault, to one from two down 50 percent; robbery, to 10 from 30 — down 60 percent; assault and battery, to 58 from 77 — down 24 percent; burglary, to 11 from four — up 175 percent; theft, to 11 from 17 — down 35 percent; motor vehicle theft, to 18 from 26 — down 30 percent; arson, to one from zero.

Police Chief James Newson could not be reached for comment.

PONTOON BEACH showed an 11 percent decrease. No murders were reported.

Statistics were: criminal sexual assault, to 10 from seven — up 42.9 percent; burglary, to 55 from 92 — down 41 percent; theft, to 187 from 203 — down 7.9 percent; and motor vehicle theft, to 31 from 30 — up 55 percent. Robbery, assault and battery, and arson remained unchanged at three, 16, and two respectively.

"I think it's great," Police Chief Michael Crouch said about the falling crime rates. "It's been relatively quiet so far this year."

As far as the areas that show increases, he said the small number of total crimes make those percentage increases seem worse than they are.

"We really don't have a lot of them, so if you have one or two more of them the statistics are higher," he said.

Crouch said one of the reasons for the decrease is the Village Board's emphasis on street lighting and the security of its residents. He said each officer having their own vehicle made a difference.

"I think that's a big factor. There are more cars on the street," he said.

Statistics were: criminal

added honor to the valor and commitment of all Americans.

In all branches of the military service, the decision to end the divisions based on color and race allowed this country to tap the talents to 100 percent of their people, and to do so, doing, expanding, and strengthening the pool of talent in defense of the liberties of us in

the change Truman encouraged.

The audacity of Truman's decision and his vision convinced us at the time, we but a nation's opportunity to live up to its promise. The valor of many of those who served was overlooked and downplayed at the time, as the nation tried to take the slow adjustment to

the change Truman encouraged.

We are just now, after a Shaw University study and the reexamination of some of their contributions, acknowledging the role and importance of some of those soldiers. Just last year, the President awarded medals of honor to seven black American's for their valor in World War II.

Truman recognized the value of diversity. It lay not only in the singular talent and contributions of some, but in the collective vigor of the whole. Our great nation has been forged by the sacrifice of Americans of every stripe, by the values which bring us together as Americans, and shape our national character. Truman's decision made us a "More Perfect Nation" and continues to this day to be a shining example of leadership.

Virus

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authorities said Stewart was alone with his son in the hospital, and that the child took a turn for the worse after Stewart's visit. The infant subsequently was transported to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

At that time, Stewart was employed as a phlebotomist, or someone who draws blood, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis,

Braun said. It was not until May 25, 1996, that the boy was diagnosed as having HIV. He had been taken earlier that month to Children's Hospital in St. Louis with an unknown ailment.

It was Children's Hospital that contacted authorities, Braun said.

A two-year investigation by the sheriff's department revealed that the boy had not

been subjected to any sexual or perinatal contact, or injections, that would have given him the disease, authorities said. It also was determined that the child had not been exposed to anyone who had tested positive for AIDS, they added.

The sentence for first-degree assault ranges from 10 years to life in prison.

Child

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The child was due to be released two days after the father's visit, but took a turn for the worse and was transported to Cardinal Glennon

Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Braun said.

On May 25, 1996, the child was diagnosed with being in the advanced stages of HIV or human immuno-deficiency

State

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reasons for the decrease. "We saw this trend emerge in 1992, and except for 1994, we've seen a fractional increase," he said.

"Local police chiefs, sheriffs and their communities should be commended for their effective work in significantly contributing to a reduction in crime."

A total of 626,295 crimes were reported in the eight major categories in 1997.

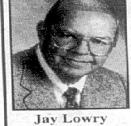
Overstate figures are: murder, 339 reported — down 11 percent; criminal sexual assault, 4,033 reported — up 1 percent; robbery, 8,692 reported — down 5.5 percent; battery and assault, 27,425 reported — down 5.9 percent; burglary, 62,918 reported — down 4.3 percent; theft, 238,774 reported

— down 3.1 percent; motor vehicle theft, 22,320 reported — down 6.2 percent; and arson, 2,092 reported — down 9.1 percent.

"Statewide, we saw nearly 17,000 fewer crimes committed in 1997 than in 1996," Gainer said. "That means 17,000 fewer friends and loved ones had to endure the pain of being victimized by crime. That's the real story behind the numbers."



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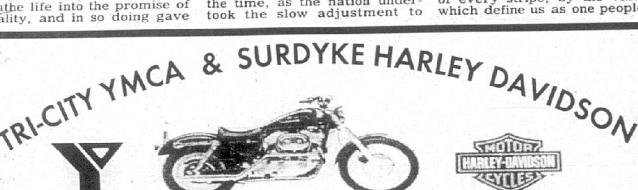
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Public safety

Belleville Area College recently held a graduation ceremony for Session 68 of the Police Academy. Linda J. Doerge, left, receives her graduation certificate from Kenneth Joseph, a member of BAC's Board of Trustees. Doerge, who won the award for best notebook, is the director of public safety for BAC's Granite City Campus.

IN SERVICE

Marine Pfc. COREY SHEPARD has successfully completed initial training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego and will next train at Camp Pendleton.

Shepard is the son of Jim and Andrea Shepard, 30, of the town of Thebeau. He is a graduate of Granite City High School and joined the Marine Corps in December 1997.

Marine Pfc. ANTHONY BROYLES, son of Anthony Broyles of Granite City, recently graduated basic training and is currently serving with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Development Center, Quantico, Va.

Broyles is a graduate of Granite City High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

Army National Guard Pfc. DANIEL J. ESSINGTON has graduated from the motor transport operator course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Essington is the son of John G. and Laura A. Essington of Granite City. He is a graduate of Granite City High School.



Pvt. Corey Shepard

Army National Guard Pvt. Natasha L. Gregg has graduated from the motor transport operator

course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Gregg is the daughter of Joe N. and Diane M. Gregg of Granite City. She is a graduate of Granite City High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. JASON G. CLARK, son of Rosemarie and Jason G. Clark Sr., of Granite City, recently participated in extensive medical response while on a two-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 25th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Clark embarked aboard ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

The exercise tested the strength of naval readiness forces in readiness as strategic forces to support NATO's stabilization force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Clark, a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School, joined the Marine Corps in July 1995.

Do you have a military item for this column? The Press-Record Journal particularly wants pictures of your loved ones in action where they are serving. If possible, do not send the only copy you have or a picture.

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A New You



Catherine Galasso

Two separate events that are linked by a common occurrence.

"I was just thinking about you too."

"You read my mind."

"I had my hand on the receiver to call you when you rang."

Your letter came in the mail...when I needed you so much."

Unbelievable events happen in all the time. Fate? Chance? There are no coincidences with God. It's just His perfect timing.

Each and every "coincidence" is really a plan from God telling us that He is in the midst of everything we do.

Things do not happen by pure chance, they happen for a definite reason to let you know God is in control. He loves you and watches over every minute detail of your life. He will never let you down.

There is such a thing as divine timing. I like to call it "God's timing." We are in the right place at the right time. These encounters have happened in all of our lives. Mysterious happenings that occur quickly and bring forth new and important directions for our lives. Remember when you almost didn't go to that meeting — but something egged you on instead and now you were inspired to begin your dream job? How about when you changed your plans and went somewhere else and met your soulmate? Were these accidental, chance occurrences?

Use your God-given intuition. Be aware of this power that is built within each of God's children. Listen to your heart.

His voice, "And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it.'" (Isaiah 30:21)

God's timing is set for 7 p.m. to midnight at the auditorium of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

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includes trivia, attendance prizes and raffles. Players may bring their own food and drink.

The Granite City Jaycees are hosting the 10th annual CHILDREN AND BEER DANCE FOR SARAH KENNEDY and have joined together with the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, and the Columbia Home Association and the Pontoon Beach Lions.

This benefit is set for 7 p.m. to midnight at the auditorium of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

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loved one can help as you walk on to the dry path of life.

British poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge said, "Chance is but the pseudonym of God for those particular cases in which He does not choose to acknowledge openly His own signature."

Being aware of these occurrences will help you endure and prevail over hardships that come and challenges us with a subtle happening that sits back and watches how we handle it. Because He has given us this power to choose, during these tests, how we react is so important and determines often the future course of our lives. Use wisdom. Wait until all emotions subside for our destiny lies in the here and now.

Is it "chance" that you have read this column today? This meeting between you and I, dear readers? I think not. God has allowed this to be for you today, to put you on the right track to turn you around to Him, to lift you above the world-bound way of thinking. Reminding you that you are His creation. He is your guide and He has a plan for you, plans for good success in everything you do.

Catherine Galasso is a free lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Community

VOLKSMARCH MARCH FOR PARKS is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, at the Old Chain Bridge. Five-kilometer and 10-kilometer recreational walks (Volksmarches) are planned, or participation in a 5K run.

The march starts at 8 and 10 a.m. on the Missouri side of the bridge on Riverview Boulevard, and walkers will cross the bridge by 1 p.m.

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The METRO EAST JUNIOR PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA will hold its final concert of the season at 3 p.m. May 3.

"The Notes of Spring," directed by Dr. Linda Burke, will be at First Baptist Church, 1111 E. Highway 50, O'Fallon.

The program will include "Concerto for Two Cellos" by Marcello with Sabine Koepel and Andrew Schmidt as oboists; "Movements I and IV of the Peer Gynt Suite" by Grieg; "Carnival of the Animals" and "Camille" in G Minor" by Heidi Van Daley as pianist; "Berceuse and Finale" by Brahms; "Capriccio" by Schumann; and "Carnival" selections by Lerner and Lowe, arranged by R. Russel Bennett.

The String Chamber Orchestra will perform "Capitol Suite" by Warlock.

For more information, call 394-1363 or 277-1504.

MILESTONES

Norma Darnell celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Kathy Schmidtke celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Donna (Linder) May celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Mary Sanders celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Michael David Ostrich celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Elaine Thick celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Janet Jackopin celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Heidi Van Daley celebrates a birthday April 27.

Lonnie Turner celebrates a birthday April 27.

Tim Long celebrates a birthday April 27.

A. Hayes celebrates a birthday April 27.

Buddy Fozman celebrates a birthday April 28.

Andy Coleman celebrates a birthday April 28.

Jim Schieb celebrates a birthday April 28.

Steve Laub celebrates a birthday April 29.

Angela McMasters celebrates a birthday April 29.

Matt and Patty Shellwell celebrate their wedding anniversary April 29.

Steven Wright celebrates a birthday April 29.

Alan Crowley celebrates a birthday April 29.

Jason Padgett celebrates a birthday April 29.

David Finke celebrates a birthday April 30.

Kenneth Kube celebrates a birthday April 30.

Steve Christopher celebrates a birthday May 1.

Jaimie Nichole Meritz celebrates a birthday May 1.

Lee Sloan celebrates a birthday May 1.

Mike Caffrey celebrates a birthday May 1.

Mike Vrabec celebrates a birthday May 2.

Lester White celebrates a birthday May 2.

Rosanne Robertson celebrates a birthday May 2.

Gail Joyce celebrates a birthday May 2.

Darian Medley celebrates a birthday May 2.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones" Granite City Journal, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, IL 63131.

Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

YMCA searching for interested lifeguards

Are you considering employment as a lifeguard? There will always be a need for qualified lifeguards, particularly as part-time employees during the summer months.

The YMCA of Southwest Illinois will teach the National YMCA Lifeguard Course at the downtown Belleville YMCA Center, 1637 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL 62240.

Participants must be accomplished swimmers and at least 16 years old by the course completion date.

The course includes classroom instruction and practical work in personal safety, lifeguard techniques, first aid and CPR certification.

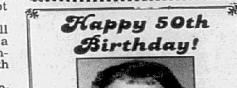
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From Your Loving Family

By Greg Uptain
Staff writer

The saying claims that a dog is man's best friend.

Nowhere will that be more evident than Sunday with a pet bench dedication ceremony to be held for a deceased woman and her beloved dog.

The St. Louis chapter of Love on a Leash will dedicate a pet bench erected in memory of its late member, Mary Murphy, and her golden retriever, Simon.

The ceremony, scheduled for 2:15 p.m. Sunday at James S. McDonnell Park on Adie Road in St. Ann.

Love on a Leash is an all-volunteer, non-profit pet therapy group. Its animals regularly visit schools and hospitals to be petted as therapy.

"They are a fabulous group of people," said Martha Murphy, Mary Murphy's sister.

Mary and Martha ran the non-profit

group the Canine Connection for several years. Martha had to disband the group when Mary died.

"She was the heart and soul of the organization," Martha said.

Simon was placed with Mary, a long-time kindergarten teacher at Baden Elementary in St. Louis, after she developed a heart condition six years ago.

After Mary died on Jan. 21, 1997, Simon became depressed without his owner, and in addition to bone cancer, led to Simon's death three months later.

Martha said Mary wasn't real big on flowers, so in lieu of them Martha asked for donations to Love on a Leash. When it was suggested to have a pet bench dedicated in Mary's memory, she remembered her sister's aversion to flowers and tried to think of something more suitable.

"That's when Martha got the idea from the St. Louis County Parks Department to erect a bench for her sister."

"She always appreciated a place to sit

down," Martha said. "So, I thought this would definitely be appropriate."

The placement of the bench, which has actually been in place since November, is an idea jotted down between the two sisters, who shared a home in Bridgeton.

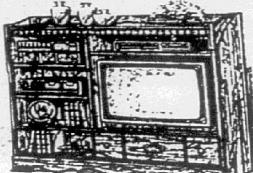
"It's halfway between the handicapped parking spot that Mary used and the women's restroom where she spent a lot of time," Martha joked.

In addition to the dedication, there will be a dance performance by the Love on a Leash Canine Drill Team, whose members will perform musical numbers with some of the organization's dogs.

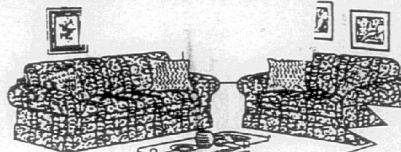
Originally, Martha wanted the ceremony to be private, but the outpouring of support encouraged her to open the event to the public. The event will bring together more than 200 people who contributed to Mary's memorial fund.

"We have heard from a lot of people who plan to be there," Martha said.

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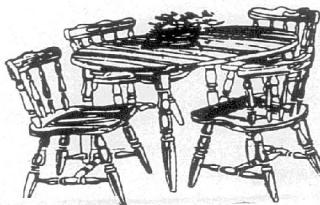
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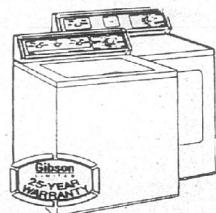


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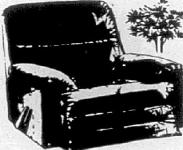
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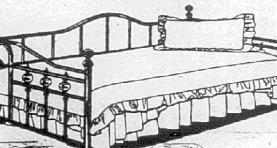
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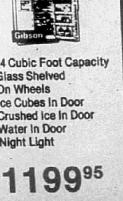
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Funk helps Illini stay in groove

He began the collegiate baseball season as a poster boy—one of the University's most popular players in the "Field of Dreams" type scene—but if he continues to pitch as well as he has in relief recently, Brian Funk of O'Fallon may become an individual focus of Illini attention.

A 6-foot-9 senior righthander, Funk had the best stretch of his career from April 17. He mostly relieved for a victory at Illinois State but added another non-conference appearance against Indiana State before helping Illinois return from last week's Big Ten Conference with 1½ innings of scoreless relief for a save in a 5-4 win against the University of Minnesota.

Originally signed as an infielder by Bradley University, where he also pitched on occasion during his years, Funk transferred to Illinois for his final two seasons and has blossomed as a relief pitcher.

Used mostly as a setup man, Funk entered the game against Minnesota in the eighth inning after the Gophers had rallied for four runs in the inning. After ending that inning by getting a fly ball out to center field, Funk induced two ground ball outs, yielded a single but then ended the game on a fly ball-out to right field.

That triumph left the Illini at 10-3 in the conference and 24-14 overall before a March 18 split with the Gophers at Champaign.

"He's still throwing a knuckle curve but has added a changeup," Brian's dad Dale Funk said of the former four-year baseball star at O'Fallon High. Regarding the fact that his son has endeared himself at Illinois by holding opposing batters to a .200 batting average with runners in scoring position.

Slowed by an 0-6 record at the start of the season Illinois not only has challenged for the conference title but a NCAA post-season appearance that would be a fitting reward for Coach Richard "Itchy" Jones, who notched his 1,000th career coaching victory on April 8 in an 18-2 triumph against Western Illinois.

And as befits someone displayed on Illini posters and the like, Brian's dad Funk finished a scoreless inning in the game that left Jones with a 23-19 record in his eighth Illinois season.

Extra innings

Jones is just the 18th NCAA Division I coach to reach 1,000. In 21 seasons at SIU-Carbondale, Jones was 738-345. His latest AA appearance was with the Salukis in 1990. He began his collegiate coaching career with a 28-33 record for three seasons at MacMurray.

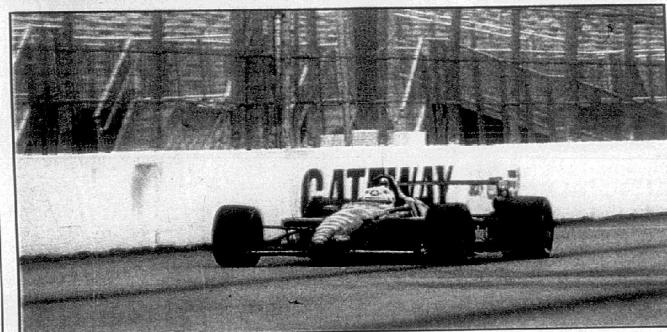
Funk, a marketing major, compiled a 2-3 record with two saves last season at Illinois. His longest previous stint prior to the Minnesota game was three weeks against Miami on March 8 when he struck out four batters. For his career, he has averaged five strikeouts per nine innings....

Overtime

Its collegiate basketball coaches influence the high school level, it will be interesting to see if anyone follows the lead of new Texan coach Rick Barnes.

Among the Barnes' rules are: no facial hair below the lip, no earrings, no baseball caps worn when a player enters a building and no headphones worn by players walking across campus.

No mention was made of tat-



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Tire testing time

Some of the world's top racecar drivers were at Gateway International Raceway recently for tire testing runs in preparation for the second annual Motorola 300 on the CART/FedEx Championship Series. Drivers were also getting ready for the short oval season, which starts today in Nazareth, Pa. Among those testing at Gateway were (top photo) Andre Ribeiro of Marlboro Team Penske and (above) Christian Fittipaldi of Newman-Haas. The Motorola 300 weekend is May 21-23 with the feature event, the CART/FedEx race, on May 23.

By Brian Bretech
Staff writer

Maurice Baker, Chris Braun and Jon Harris will represent the Metro East in the 24th annual Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-Star game in June.

The two-day All-Star games are June 27 at the Peoria Civic Arena. The first contest begins at 5:30 p.m. and pits the Class A North squad against the Class A South squad. The second game, which begins at 7:30 p.m., has the Class AA North squad squaring off against the Class AA South squad.

Baker, Braun and Braun of Waterloo Gibson will be members of the Class A South squad. Tim Weichert of Dupo was selected as an alternate in case one of the 15 players chosen can not make the trip to Peoria.

Don Kemp of Concord Triopia High will serve as the South squad's head coach.

Baker is the star of the Class A South squad. Chosen as the Class A Player of the Year in boys basketball by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, Baker averaged 30.4 points a contest for the Trojans this season. The 6-foot-2 point guard pulled down an amazing 11.2 rebounds per game.

Baker was a first-team selection for both the Associated Press and Chicago Sun-Times all-state teams. He was also dubbed Mr. Class A by Class A Weekly.

"Reecie tried everything to get everyone involved in every game," Madison coach Al Collins said. "And only when he couldn't get anyone else to do anything did he take matters into his own hands. That's why he had so many rebounds. He had no business having that many rebounds but nobody else was doing it. He had to step up. And it was the same way with his scoring. If he wasn't so committed to team play, to getting his teammates involved in the offense, he could have easily averaged 10 points a game."

Braun, a 6-10 center, averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game this season for the Gibault Hawks. He shot a sizzling 84 percent from the charity stripe. Braun, who is headed to the University of the Incarnate Word, has been named to the Class AA Player of the Year in boys basketball for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, averaged 22 points and 14.1 rebounds per game for Edwardsburg. Only all-star teammate Frank Williams (People's Manual) averaged more than 20 points per game than Harris and no other South all-star reached double figures in rebounds per contest.

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to Saint Louis University next winter, becomes the fourth Hawks player to be selected to an IBCA all-star squad.

He was a first-team member of the Class A Hawks basketball team for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

"It's a neat experience for him," Gibault basketball coach Dennis Rueter said. "A number of years ago, I served as an assistant (for the South Class A squad). It is usually the better players. It's a pretty neat experience."

The surprise of the Class A South squad was member of the Normal Central team, which won the small school state title, was named to the all-star team. It marks the first time in recent memory and maybe the first time in the history of the event that a Class A champion team member has not been represented at the IBCA event.

"In our system, we don't exploit one person," Normal coach Reed Jackson told the People's Journal Star. "That means you're going to sacrifice individual statistics. A lot of the people who choose teams like this have to rely on stats and on what they've heard."

"I don't have any hard feelings about it. I'll take no players on the all-star team every year if we have the same end result (a state championship)."

Harris was the only Metro East player named to the Class AA South squad. Belleville East's Josh Helbig was named as an alternate to the AA South team.

Harris, who was the Class AA Player of the Year in boys basketball for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, averaged 22 points and 14.1 rebounds per game for Edwardsburg.

Only all-star teammate Frank Williams (People's Manual) averaged more than 20 points per game than Harris and no other South all-star reached double figures in rebounds per contest.

The 6-foot-7 Harris led the Tigers to a 26-2 mark. He finishes his three-year varsity

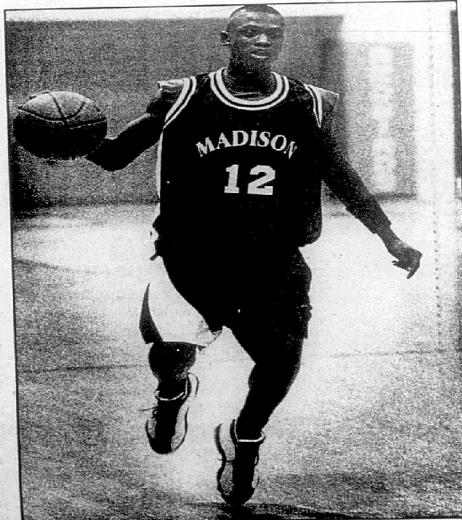
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Madison's Maurice Baker averaged 30.4 points and 11.2 rebounds per game.

Keri Ousley is showing a lot of promise. She is a very coachable young lady and is learning the game very fast. She has been very consistent. She plays both sides of the ball very well. And that's why she's scoring.'

Gene Baker
Granite City coach

Madison's Baker chosen for IBCA clash



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Lady Warriors blank Maroons

But GCHS will limp into tourney action this week

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Shannon Roth turned aside the only two Belleville West shots to make it through the stifling Granite City defense Wednesday afternoon, rendering her the shutout of the high school soccer season and giving the Lady Warriors a 2-0 win in Southwestern Conference action.

Erika Todd, Granite City's spry and spirited left-winger, lit up the scoreboard early, moving down the left side of the box one-on-one with a defender and stroking a quick shot past Koryobay and into the net for a 2-0 Lady Warriors lead.

The score remained 1-0 at the intermission.

Early in the second half, Granite City freshman Keri Ousley, who had scored a key goal against McCluer North Monday evening, one-timed a hard shot past Koryobay and into the net for a 2-0 Lady Warriors lead.

"Keri Ousley is showing a lot of promise," said Lady Warriors coach Gene Baker. "She is a very coachable young lady and I believe the game went fast. She has been very consistent. She plays both sides of the ball very well. And that's why she's scoring."

The victory improved the Lady Warriors' conference record to 2-0. GCHS stands 6-1 overall.

But the win was costly as yet another Granite City play-

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er fell victim to injury.

The victim was sophomore Erika Todd.

"She's walking today," said Baker in a phone interview Thursday. "We hope — we don't know, but we hope — to have her in action on Monday for our opening game in the (St. Dominic/Howell North) tournament."

Todd represents only one in a long line of soccer injuries that have decimated the Lady Warriors this spring.

Earlier in the season, Felicia Mohsen went down with a serious knee injury and has not yet returned. Facing knee surgery, it is unlikely that the junior midfielder will see action again this season.

Christina Withers, a freshman, also suffered a possible torn muscle in the quad area and is on crutches. "Christina has been a settling, stabilizing force in our backfield all year," said Baker. "It makes a big difference not having her back there."

Also gone with injury from an elite backfield corps are Nicole Johnson and Danielle Townsend, who remain out of action following a recent automobile accident.

And, to top things off, Aman-

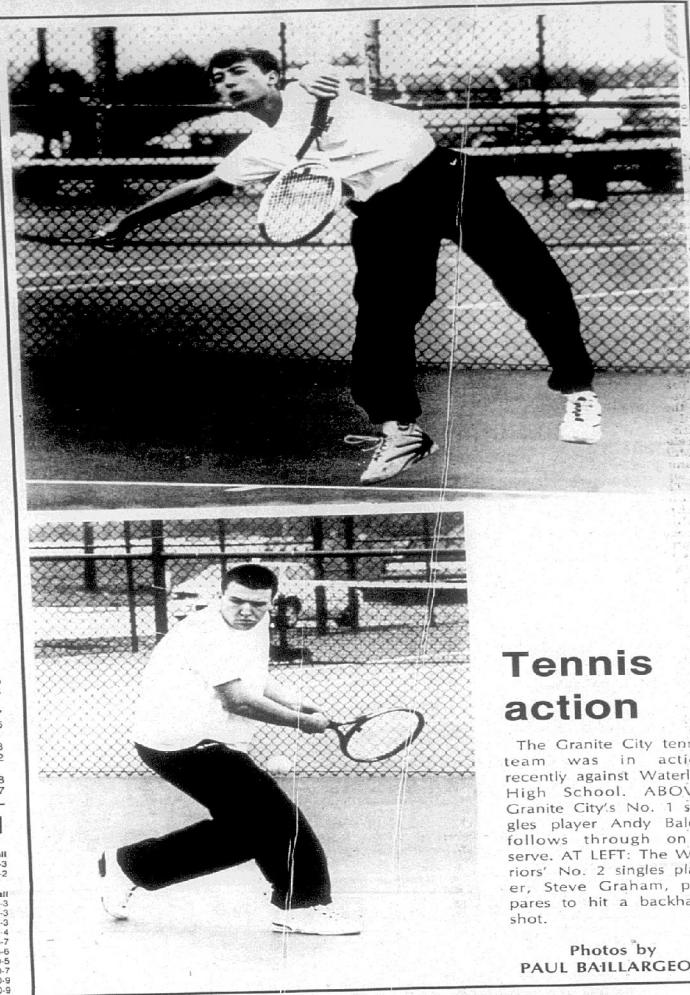
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Camelot Bowl Week of April 18 Men's High Series	
Ted Fields.....	772
Brent Hartman.....	762
Robert Blidderback.....	738
Mike Becker.....	723
Todd Stewart.....	714
Randy Dellamano.....	713
Brian Meyer.....	710
Bob Baker.....	709
Tim Dillman.....	696
Scott Fudge.....	688
Men's High Game	
Brent Hartman.....	298
Tony Powell.....	298
Brian Meyer.....	297
Greg Beeler.....	297
Brent Hartman.....	297
Eldon Schoeber.....	297
Robert Blidderback.....	297
Ted Fields.....	297
Mike Becker.....	297
Brent Hartman.....	297
Jim Jackson.....	297
Alton Keller.....	277
Women's High Series	
Mary Ruth Hunter.....	642
Lori Vanousek.....	623
Joan Giacolotto.....	613
Jeanie Edgerton.....	612
Shawn Hansen.....	704
Shane Wilsch.....	608
LuAnne Trost.....	608
Anne Timmons.....	601
Kathy Novak.....	600
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Pat Ubaidi.....	258
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Mary Ruth Hunter.....	237
Jeanie Hill.....	236
Margaret Tamburello.....	234
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Jan Lembke.....	224
Diana Herberts.....	223
Leilani Farley.....	223
Monday Seniors Men's High Series	
Leo Zek.....	626
Rich Klein.....	603
Women's High Series	
Flo Malone.....	558
Virginia Lynch.....	525
Men's High Games	
Bob Robertson.....	243
Frank Italiano.....	224
Chester Brammeler.....	224
Women's High Games	
Flo Malone.....	211
Donna Pelate.....	201
Thursday Seniors	

PREP BASEBALL STANDINGS

METRO EAST BASEBALL		
Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Edwardsville	5-0	14-0
Belleville West	5-1	13-1
Collinsville	4-1	11-3
Belleville East	2-3	11-3
Alton	1-4	7-7
Granite City	2-3	5-7
East St. Louis	0-4	3-5
Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Jerseyville	3-0	12-3
Highland	1-0	5-4
South Seven		
Triad	1-1	10-3
Civic Memorial	2-1	9-4
Mascoutah	0-2	3-8
Waterloo	0-2	3-8
Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Westview	3-0	9-2
East Bud	3-0	9-2
Columbia	1-0	7-2
New Athens	2-1	6-6
Dupo	1-2	3-9
Carlyle	0-0	4-0
Matissa	0-1	1-9
Bress C.	0-2	1-10
Lebanon	0-3	3-7
Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Gibault	1-1	8-3
O'Fallon	0-0	4-2
Cahokia	0-0	4-2

**Tennis action**

The Granite City tennis team was in action recently against Waterloo High School. ABOVE: Granite City's No. 1 singles player Andy Balcer follows through on a serve. AT LEFT: The Warriors' No. 2 singles player, Steve Graham, prepares to hit a backhand shot.

Photos by PAUL BAILLARGEON

Prairie State Games elite team tryouts set for May

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now forming for the Southwestern North Region for the 15th annual Prairie State Games scheduled for June 26-28 in southwestern Illinois.

There will be four teams—Open Men, Open Women, Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women in each of the four sports. The Open division is for players beyond the 12th grade, while the Scholastic division is for players who are in grades 8-11 for the 1997 school year. A player must be either a resident of or attend school in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun, Bond or Fayette to be eligible for the regional team.

Players making the teams will compete against the state's 11 other region teams at the Finals, June 28.

The tryouts are \$18, which includes a Prairie State Games souvenir T-shirt. Applications can be processed at the time of the tryout. Any athlete younger than 18 years of age must have his or her parent or guardian sign a waiver.

The tryouts and contact person for each of the teams are:

Basketball — Open Men (Bob Emig 632-1002), Open Women (Bob Emig 632-1002), Scholastic Men (Jeff Faulkenberg — 654-8686), Scholastic Women (Rich Waller — 345-8686).

Scholastic Men basketball tryouts are May 3 and 17 at 1 p.m. at Highland High School. Scholastic Women basketball tryouts are May 3 and 17 at 3 p.m. at Highland High School.

Soccer — Open Men (Norm Seime 667-2827), Open Women (Gene Briggs 876-4719 or 451-5808); Scholastic Women (Terry and Eric Mitchell — 452-5808 or 451-5826).

Tryouts for Open Men's and Scholastic Men's soccer are May 3 and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsburg Area Soccer Club, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsburg. Tryouts for Open Women's soccer are May 3 and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsburg Area Soccer Club, SIEU. Scholastic Women's soccer tryouts are May 3

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and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club.

Volleyball — Open Men (Rick Verdun — 656-7719 or 304-8877), Open Women (Missy Dorsey 377-6987 or 656-4485); Scholastic Women (Stacey Coffman 377-9665).

Volleyball tryouts are as follows:

Open Women, May 31,

2-4 p.m. at Edwardsburg High School, 145 West Street;

Scholastic Women — May 3,

4-6 p.m. at Wilbur Trimpe Junior High School in Bethalto.

A coach is still needed for the scholastic Men's volleyball team. Any interested person should contact Bob Emig at 632-1002.

The Prairie State Games, now in its fourth year in southwestern Illinois, is the state's largest amateur sports festival. Almost 6,000 athletes competed in last year's games.

To further information on the PSG, call the team contact person or Regional Director Bob Emig (632-1002 or 344-0984).

5K run

The first annual Granite City Warriors Booster Club 5K Run is scheduled for Horseshoe Lake State Park on May 3 with a starting time of 8 a.m.

An entry fee of \$10, and entry form, must be mailed to GC Warriors Booster Club, c/o Granite City High School, 10th Avenue, Granite City, Ill. 62040. Entry fee must be received by April 27.

A \$12 fee will be charged for entries on the day of the race. The first 50 entries will receive a 5K Run T-Shirt (shirts can only be picked up before the run with your assigned race number). Entry fee will be waived in age categories "14 and under" and "70 and over," in 10-year increments.

Golf tourney

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament is

June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole golf outing

is being sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club.

Prize money totaling \$1,800

will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of the flights, according to tournament general chairman John Ostanic.

Registration is \$75 per golfer.

The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call Ostanic at 345-9565. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

Golf tourney

The annual golf outing sponsored by the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce will be Saturday, May 15, at The Orchards in Belleville.

Reservations are now being accepted for the four-golfer scramble, shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The price per golfer is \$75 which include the cart, green fees, range balls, goody bag, free beer and soda dinner buffet and awards.

Those not able to golf can purchase a hole for \$50. For more information, call the Chamber office at 876-6400 to make your reservations. Reservations are due by May 18. Payment is due by May 25.

Lutheran Day

The 22nd annual Lutheran Day at Busch Stadium will be May 25 (Memorial Day).

The Cardinals will play 1:15 p.m. against the Colorado Rockies, followed by exhibition games involving the four local Lutheran high schools, including Metro East Lutheran.

Tickets are \$10 and schools receive a portion of the proceeds for tickets they sell. Each school has 750 tickets available.

For information, call Sig mund Bohnet at 656-0043.

Hunting proposal

A change has been proposed that will affect all dove hunting programs at Horseshoe Lake State Park in Jersey and Calhoun counties. This proposal if enacted would require a non-toxic shot size 6 steel or 7½ bismuth or smaller — for all dove hunting on these sites.

This change is required because of the large volume of shells fired at these sites and the high volume of lead being deposited in the fields.

Switching to non-toxic shot will reduce the potential of lead poisoning in game birds species due to accidental ingestion of lead shot while feeding.

For additional information,

please call Horseshoe Lake State Park at 931-8901 or the Mississippi River Area at 376-3308.

"Sixty-five Years of Excellence" is the theme of the banquet, which will kick off with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m.

Awards and presentation ceremony will begin at 8 p.m.

All Granite City High School grapplers who lettered from the 1993-94 season are invit-

ed to attend the function free

of charge. A \$10 fee will be charged for guests and non-letters bringing their event.

Tickets and reservations can be obtained by calling: Jim McKeehan (878-6060), Monte Kessler (937-0581), or Janek (937-9428).

For more information on the event, contact McKeehan or Steve Nonn (692-7040, ext. 4828).

**Tourney champs**

The Granite City Volleyball Club 18-and-under team won the Silver Division championship at the Grizzly Bear Classic. Members of the team (from left to right) are:

In front — Kerry Lassiter, Laurie Heitling, Jessica Worthen, Jenna Wright; Middle — Megan Frances, Kristen Ely, Christina Rother; In back — co-captain Amey Bohnenstiel, coach Jeff Trout, coach Julie Bohnenstiel.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER STANDINGS

METRO EAST SOCCER		
Southwestern Conference		
Belleville East	2-0	8-1
Granite City	1-0	6-1
Collinsville	1-0	5-2
Alton	1-1	3-0
Edwardsburg	0-0	3-4
Belleville West	0-3	1-7-0
Independents		
Team	Overall	Overall
O'Fallon	8-1	8-1
Marquette	8-1	8-1
Gibault	Wood River	Wood River
Alton	6-1	6-1
Collinsville	5-1	5-1
Matier Del	5-0	5-0
M.E. Lutherian	1-3	1-3
Alton	1-3	1-3
Civic Memorial	1-0	1-0
Althoff	1-0	1-0

SPORTS

July in Paris

McBride earns trip abroad with select squad

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Just what is Shawn McBride looking forward to most on his trip abroad in July? "Paris. I want to see Paris," said McBride, one of the players from the St. Louis area selected by the St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association to represent the United States on Team USA in the Netherlands from July 21-31.

What makes Paris so appealing?

"There's cool stuff over there," McBride added.

Paris is just one of many exciting stops McBride and his close friend John Rayfield of Cahokia, also a member of Team USA, will make overseas.

Team USA will spend three days in Paris before traveling to the Netherlands, where they will stay in a Boy Scout camp with players from the other four countries.

McBride, Rayfield and their teammates must communicate by sign language at the camp.

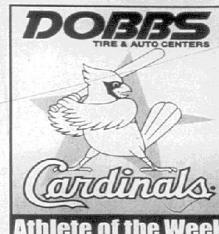
"That's the only way they communicate," said Shawn McBride. "Rayfield and I really like to go myself just so I could see it. How can you communicate with a bunch of kids that don't speak your language? And they exchange signs for us other teams. The big things for the Americans to take is like whoopee cushions, an extra baseball hat, the American flag or something like a postcard of the arch, something that explains our heritage."

After a short stay in the camp, the boys break into pairs.

Then they alternate between various families, who house them from night to night.

"It feels good because hardly anybody in our state is going to have a few people in the country to go to," said the 11-year-old McBride, who originally lived in Cahokia but currently is a Waterloo resident.

"More people probably know about it, and it's going to be fun. It's kind of awesome for me getting to do this."



All in all, both McBride and Rayfield will receive a once in a lifetime experience this summer, not only getting to play against international competition but also witnessing the unique cultural aspects of foreign countries.

"First of all, I hope they have a fond memory of going somewhere and doing something that they're 11 years old and never done in my life," Rudy McBride said. "And secondly, I hope they can represent their country well and just have fun when they're over there and learn and ask questions."

Team USA manager Andy Parnes started the process by first contacting Rudy McBride, who then contacted the St. Louis baseball squad about tryouts, which were conducted in October and November.

Parnes wanted to know if McBride and any players willing to try out.

It was after the end of baseball season, so the only ones I knew, real quick that would probably want to try out were John and Shawn because they play ball for me all throughout the year," said Rudy McBride, who is close friends with Rayfield's father, Pete.

Ironically, Shawn McBride originally wasn't going to try out.

"Shawn had a hockey game,

and he couldn't make the first day of tryouts," Rudy McBride said. "Then Pete (John's father, Pete Rayfield) called up and said, 'Why don't you take Shawn next time?' I said 'OK, let me see if I can talk him into it.' So I talked him into it and he went. Next thing I know, Shawn came home and said he made the team. And I got the phone call the night before. (Parnes) said he would be honored if Shawn would be part of Team USA."

Roughly 40 to 50 children from the Metropolitan St. Louis area tried out, with only 14 of those making the team.

Just three players from Illinois—McBride, Rayfield and Dupo's Andrew Haven—made the final cut.

Team USA, made up of all 11-year-olds, will play teams from Australia, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan and Spain, among others.

All the games will be played in the Netherlands.

While Parnes serves as the manager, Team USA is coached by Jim and Adam Aricco.

McBride and Rayfield still are trying to raise money for the trip overseas.

Through Harts' father Joe, they have found an organization, the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Aid Association for Lutherans which have agreed to help with fund-raising efforts by matching funds.

If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Rudy McBride at 939-5657.

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NEWS

Recyclers honored on Earth Day

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Organizations, communities and businesses were recently recognized by the St. Clair County Health Department for their recycling efforts.

The department held its annual Earth Day Awards program on Wednesday in front of the St. Clair County Courthouse.

"We're proud of the Health Department's accomplishments. We're also proud of the community and the government of St. Clair County," Carolyn Chapman, vice president of the St. Clair County Board of Health, said.

Awards were presented in six categories:

Community Recycling recognizes a residential curb side or drop-off program that has a strong level of participation and recycles an extensive variety and high volume of material.

Certificate of Recognition was presented to Belleville Recycling Inc. which has provided drop-off recycling service for the metropolitan region since 1985.

Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Freeburg Township residents, city of O'Fallon Public Works Department, Millstadt Township, Riverend Textiles Inc., and Scott

Air Force Base.

Organization Recycling recognizes an outstanding effort that promotes recycling/environmental awareness by a nonprofit organization or business.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to New Spirit for its educational projects teaching students the importance of preserving the environment.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Farmers and Friends 4H, Memorial Hospital, and Greenpeace.

Business Waste Reduction recognizes an outstanding waste reduction/pollution prevention program by a business, industry, or organization, including waste processing and recycled product consumers.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Scott Air Force Base, which is one of the founders of the Department of Defense/Illinois Pollution Prevention Partnership.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ethyl Petroleum Additives Inc.

School Environmental Excellence recognizes an outstanding effort in increasing environmental awareness throughout the school through classroom education, recycling/waste reduction activities, and establishment of environmental organizations.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to St. Augustine School Energy Club for organizing various environmental projects.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to St. Mary School and Safe School.

A School Paper Recycling Highest Total Recycled Award was given to Belleville Area College for recycling 23,325 pounds of paper per student. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Belleville West High School for recycling 5,900 pounds of paper and to O'Fallon Township High School for recycling 5,440 pounds of paper.

The School Paper Recycling Highest Per Student Award was given to Holy Rosary School for recycling 6.93 pounds of paper per student. Certificates of Appreciation were given to St. Mary School for recycling 6.89 pounds of paper per student and Prairie Junction High School for recycling 6.29 pounds of paper per student.

Cabin moves to new site

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

A small log cabin dating to the 1840s was moved across campus this week to make way for construction at the new Prairie Hall at SIUE.

Greg Conroy of University News Services said the cabin was moved because of construction of walkways around the residence hall, which will be open in the fall.

The cabin, which was transported to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in the early 1970s, was moved from the beginning of Sweet William's Trail to a site off Buff Road across from Guerker Station.

"It will be a nice site along there," said Robert Williams, a professor in SIUE's curriculum and instruction department. "People driving by will see it, and I'm sure kids riding bikes on the trail will picnic there."

The cabin can be used as a safe place when it rains because there's a nice little front porch on it."

The small, windowless cabin originally arrived at SIUE from about five miles south of Belleville.

"It was the original one-room cabin on the farm property there," said Sidney Denney, chairman of SIUE's anthropology department. "At some point, the family built another house on the property, and (the cabin) was going to be demolished."

Denney, a group of students in transplanting the cabin to SIUE in the early '70s.

Before bringing the cabin to SIUE, Denney said, he had a shed built on the side of it. At one time, it was used as a smokehouse.

Denney didn't remember the family's name but he believed they were German. Denney died because the students discovered pages written in German from old newspapers and magazines in the cabin.

In the '70s, under President Carter, the Service Youth Conservation grants, and students were able to keep the cabin in good shape.

It was first placed near the old SIUE site, later known as Woodland Hall. But Williams and a group of high school students moved the cabin in front of Sweet William's Trail in 1980.

Eagles donations

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 recently presented donations to the middle and elementary schools of Granite City. Above, Cindy Mills, Frohardt School principal, and Marlene Drury, PTA president, accept a \$100 donation from Auxiliary president Mildred Boyd.



Above, the Auxiliary presents Marshall School with a \$100 donation. Pictured are, from left, Kim Griffin, PTA president; Virgil Kambarian, Marshall principal; Boyd; and Lisa Griffin.

ORGANIZATIONS**Nameoki Women**

The Nameoki Women's Club held their regular meeting at noon on April 15, at the Harold Brown Center.

A dessert lunch was served by hostesses Lucille Etheridge and Marian Mertz.

The monthly meeting was called to order after lunch by Marian Shelton, president; and plans were made for activities for the future meeting.

Guests present included Dolores Allen, Lucille Etheridge, Glenn Easton, Mabel Gerton, Dorothy McClelland, Marian Mertz, Elsie Rodel and Marian Shelton.

The next meeting will be May 20, at the Legacy.

Elkettes

New officers of the Elkettes were installed on April 15 at the Elks Lodge, in conjunction with the installation of the new officers for the year.

President: Dolores Anderson; vice-president: Debbie Goss; recording secretary, Jennifer Hale; corresponding secretary, Louise Ware; treasurer, Diane Koenig; sergeant-at-arms, Carol Mitchell; chaplain, Theresa Harding; guard, June Oney; trustees: Dorothy Kinney, Barbara Weller and Marion Noland.

A buffet was served following the installation.

Eagles Auxiliary

The March 24 meeting was presided over by President Mildred Boyd. There were two officers absent: Conductress Sue Rogers, whose husband was in the hospital and Trustee Florence Miller who was attending Cub Scout meeting.

Three new applications were read on the floor. These young ladies are members of the Granite City PTA, Northern School PTA, Coolidge Middle School and the DARE program for our donation.

A meeting was held at the Elks Lodge on April 15.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Species 2' takes bad movie, makes it worseBy Brian Kaller
Staff writer

The people who made the first "Species" movie assembled fine actors like Ben Kingsley, Michael Whitmire and Michael Madsen, began with an interesting premise and used art design by famed artist H.R. Geiger, and still managed to make a bad movie.

"Species 2" has Madsen, Peter Boyle and James Cromwell, and is worse.

The first movie began this way: Scientists sent out signals into space for any extraterrestrial who was listening, including the code for human DNA. Years later they receive

a reply from an alien species: the DNA code to build one of their kind (interesting premise ends here.)

Scientists combine alien and human DNA and grow the resulting normal-looking child, called Eve, in their laboratory, devoid of human contact. Eve begins to crawl out of a cocoon and emerges hours later, speaking English and looking like supermodel Natasha Henstridge. Eve then looks for a mate; occasionally turns into a human-like, beetle-like creature, and kills lots of people.

As the sequel begins, the biologists who destroyed Eve in the previous movie have, for some reason, brought her back as a clone. She is super-strong, but the scientists imprison her

in a glass box. They teach her English, then stand in the same room and talk loudly about how to destroy her.

Meanwhile, three American astronauts have landed on Mars. They collect soil samples, not knowing that the same alien race that sent us Eve's DNA had left their cells frozen in Martian soil. The small troupe includes a man like evil chocolate pudding and attacks them.

The evil pudding infects the leader of the mission, Patrick Rossi (Jake Lazarus) and leaves him a human but actually half-alien, like Eve. Then the pudding causes the crew to forget they were attacked. When Ross returns to Earth, he has

sex with several prostitutes, who immediately give birth to aliens and explode. At last, Ross begins to suspect something is wrong.

The alien offspring grow into normal-looking children within minutes, and Rossi hides them on his farm where no one is likely to look. Soon there are a dozen or more children in his tool shed, staring ominously and wearing matching fitted tunics. Madsen and company leave Ross down and bring him to a maximum-security military installation, but he escapes by running out the door and shooting people out of the way.

Eve also decides to escape, and breaks out of the glass box. The first

car she comes to has the keys in the ignition, and though she has never seen the outside world, she drives off down the highway.

Are you following all this?

It's biologists and the abandoned shed, where the children inside have become big cocoons. The biologists reason that these cocoons are part human and vulnerable to human genetic flaws, so they destroyed them containing sickle-cell anemia. Really?

Of course, not everyone cares about movies that make a grain of sense. Some people just go to movies to see naked people exploding prostitutes and evil chocolate pudding, and this is the movie for them.

HOROSCOPE

Sunday, April 26

The moon joins the purposeful sun and masculine Mars in the steadfast sign of Taurus, turning our hearts as well as our attention even more toward all matters of money and personal possessions. The Taurus moon is dark today, so it may be wise to hold off starting any new projects until April 27.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 26). This year, you have every

thing to celebrate! The challenging times have gone, and new opportunities for financial growth are everywhere. Money could suddenly increase in your case, fall in love, meet signs for romance and dating success. Aquarius and Cancer Marriage is possible in November of this year or February of next year. Your lucky numbers are 22, 34, 38, 45 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no need to get bent out of shape over a money matter since nothing comes of it, bad or good. You can earn some additional income or run across cash on the sidewalk. Keep something extra to spend on romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). More coupons, contests and names associated with fire, metal, bravery and speed bring you luck. The initials P, M and C could be beneficial. Virgos and Sagittarians could

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stick to your guns on principles when someone tries to pull you in the wrong. A jealous lover might reassess. Monogrammed to you is returned. Take advantage of romantic planets to prepare a special dinner tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Virgos and Aquarians are good

for business and finances. Legal awards or settlements of some kind might arrive around this time. A change in your philosophy of life seems essential for you to forge ahead now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't lose patience with your self — the habits of a lifetime may not change overnight. Watch for children, mates or lovers. You feel better when you know you've tried best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be more accepting of your own and others' weaknesses. Don't let the past hold you back. The initials F, G and M could bring luck. Stay on top of money, budgeting and finances to improve economic security.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A creative talent or inge-

nious business idea pays off for you. Get involved in a new interest that involves sociological or technological skills. You have a large, broad-scale idea that could be profitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The unexpected may catch you off guard today, but this can mean happy surprises that add to your income or improve your romantic life. You can play a strong role now through their school or talents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You meet interesting, independent girls today, ones whom could become a lifelong friend. People whose initials begin with P, S, T and B are spotlighted. A favorable financial association begins between you and a group.

MOVIE SCHEDULES

Film timetable for Sunday, April 26. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check with local theaters.

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Employment

Limousine drivers have unusual jobs

By Steve Bryan

During their careers, most people work 9-to-5, Monday through Friday. And often take the weekend off. This weekly routine doesn't bother them at all.

"Being a chauffeur does not mean working 40 hours a week. You have to be very flexible," said Mary Sieli, director of sales for Carey St. Louis/Show Me Limousines, 7115 N. Hanley.

"We get jobs constantly during the day. Sometimes, we are at people's homes at 1 a.m. to take them to the airport. Some months we are

slammed with business, but around the holidays, it gets very slow," she said.

Limousine drivers work with a wide variety of clients and operate various vehicles. Carey St. Louis drivers carry phones, beepers, to stay in constant communication with the office.

On a typical day, a limousine driver might take a group of students to their high school prom, carry a wedding party from the church to the reception or take an executive to his company or to the airport.

We are primarily a corporate service. Our fleet consists of mostly black sedans," Sieli said. "We don't use ours, but they match with the executives. They want black Cadillac or sedans for security reasons. They don't want to bring attention to themselves.

"If an executive wants to entertain clients, they'll order a limo. If we do a plant tour, we'll use our mini-bus. We work with Betty Ford, for example, for wedding parties. She'll book our limos for some of the upper-crust weddings," she said.

Limousine drivers should have a working knowledge of the city they are in and surrounding area. They need to know where things are located and how to drive there quickly and efficiently.

Carey St. Louis requires that their drivers be over 21 and well-groomed and have a dark suit.

They must possess a clean driving record and be in good physical health.

Although many limousine drivers need only a Class E driver's license, Carey St. Louis would like their drivers to have a Chauffeur's D-L (Commercial Driver's License) because they may have to operate a 25 passenger

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Mary Sieli
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mini-bus.

"Most of our drivers have been with us for two years or more," Sieli said. "They greet the client when they arrive in St. Louis, but they generally speak only when spoken to. They read the client's mood and are like a gentleman's gentleman."

Sieli started her own limousine business in 1988 and eventually went to work for Carey St. Louis. She has 10 years of experience in this industry, eight of



Pam Doege-Hurd photo

Bob Schroer is a driver for Carey St. Louis/Show Me Limousines

them as a driver.

"If you want a little excitement in your life, I'd suggest being a chauffeur," Sieli said.

Modern job searches include Internet

By Steve Bryan

It's no big secret that if someone wants to find a good job, some of the best opportunities are available in the computer and technical fields.

What most people may not realize, however, is how important computer skills are during the job search process. Many businesses are using computer power to find good employees.

Instead of simply sending a resume and cover letter via regular mail, for example, some companies now request that all resumes be submitted via "electronic mail," also known as e-mail.

This is a new phenomenon," said Deborah Kettler, director of career services at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "I was surprised when I went into the want ads a few weeks ago. Six months ago, this wasn't the case."

Sending documents by e-mail means transmitting information electronically over the Internet or another computer network from your e-mail address to the mailbox of someone else.

Instead of taking days, resumes sent by e-mail are received in a matter of minutes or even seconds. This allows a company to compile more resumes in a short time.

"Only e-mail a resume if they want it that way. Do what they tell you to do in the ad. Many companies scan resumes into a database, so they want it easy-to-read. If it can't be scanned, you may not get considered for the job," she said.

Knowing how to search the Internet is also a vital skill for the modern job seeker. Many companies set up "sites" on the Internet, listing job openings and other employment information.

Some people may not, however, have a personal computer at home. Internet access or their own e-mail address.

"In lots of communities, you can get free access to the Internet through the local library," Kettler said. "Some schools teach adult education courses, and they're set up for the Internet. You may be able to get access at a community college as well."

Information systems such as America Online also provide their customers with easy Internet access and e-mail addresses for a flat monthly fee or a per-hour rate.

For a job seeker, subscribing to an information service like this can be invaluable.

"With the Internet, there's no reason not to do your research on a company," Kettler said. "You have to do homework on a company. They expect you to know what they do. And it's all there, literally at your fingertips."

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COMPLETELY REMODELED 3 bedroom brick with basement, new wiring, plumbing, water heater, 1/2 bath, central air, carpet & vinyl carpeting & tile. All new wallpaper. Completely new bath, priced in the 40's. LG520.



NICE 2 BEDROOM brick with dining room, 1 car garage plus nice deck on back. Many features to offer. Priced in the 30's. LG563.



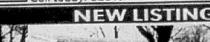
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NEW LISTING



NEW LISTING - 1/2 story brick on a big 100x150 ft. corner lot. 1 3/4 baths, 3 bedrooms, 1 car garage, 1/2 acre lot, 1 car garage. Call today. LG522.

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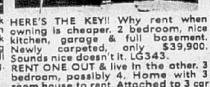
REDUCED! Reduced by \$2,000. Owner wants an offer on this 3 bedroom brick. Very nice eat-in kitchen. Yard is nicely landscaped. Attached garage. LG938.



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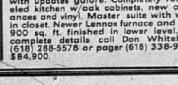
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Prior to taking ASE certification tests, many technicians attend training classes or study after work in order to brush up on their knowledge.

By passing difficult, national tests, ASE-certified technicians prove their technical competency to themselves, to their employers and to their customers.

ASE certifies only the technical competency of individual technicians, not the shop, its business practices, or the ethics of management and employees. But it stands to reason that shop owners who encourage their mechanics to become certified are more concerned about the other aspects of their business. Likewise, because ASE's program is voluntary, technicians who have gone to the effort to earn ASE certification can be counted on to have a strong sense of pride in accomplishment.

How does ASE certification work? More than 100,000 technicians take

ASE certification tests each May and November at more than 500 national locations. Technicians who pass at least one exam in their specialty fulfill the two years of experience required to become ASE-certified; those who pass a battery of exams earn Master Technician status.

There are more than two dozen specialty exams covering areas such as engine repair, engine performance, electrical/electronic systems, brakes, heating and air conditioning, suspension and steering, transmission and allied and automatic transmissions. There are also exams for collision repair/refinish technicians, engine machinists, parts specialists and medium/heavy truck technicians.

Certification is not for life. ASE

requires its technicians to recertify every five years to keep up with technology. All ASE credentials have expiration dates.

How to find ASE-certified technicians

Repair establishments with at least one ASE-certified technician are permitted to display the ASE sign and otherwise publicize their certified employee(s). Each ASE technician is issued personalized credentials listing his/her exact area(s) of certification. Technicians are also issued wall-sized certificates that their employers often post in the customer-service area.

Choosing an ASE-certified technician

As is the case with doctors, automotive technicians often specialize.

Because ASE offers certification in all major technical areas of auto repair and service, it's wise to ask the shop owner or service manager specifically for a technician who is ASE-certified in the appropriate area, such as brakes, engine repair or air conditioning.

In short, the ASE program offers consumers objective information about the technical competency of individual technicians that they can use in their search for satisfactory automotive repair and service.

For free information about how to select a repair shop, send a business-sized, self-addressed stamped envelope to: ASE Glove Box Brochure, Dept. CCC-S95, P.O. Box 347, Herndon, Va. 22070.

AUTOFACTS

**Love affair with cars passes 100-year mark**

America has now passed the 100th anniversary of the automobile, commemorating more than a century-long love affair between owners and their cars. Once a luxury for the elite, the motor vehicle now is a basic necessity and is totally integrated into our lifestyles. Today, there are more registered motor vehicles than

licensed drivers. The average American household owns 1.7 vehicles and spends more than 17 percent of its budget on transportation.

The major players in the evolution of the automobile often taken for granted is the person who fixes it. After all, the same holds true today as it did

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Care must be taken when washing

Whether you own a new vehicle, or a not-so-new vehicle, you want the finish to maintain a high quality look. Here are some simple tips to follow to help ensure your finish will look its best.

Wash off dirt prior to washing a car. Any dirt that is rubbed into the surface can cause scratches.

Wash your car in the shade using cool water and a mild detergent.

Rinse off as much soil as possible before washing. Allow water to sheet off the car by taking the nozzle off the hose when rinsing.

Clean the tires first, then the wheels. Cleaning since the brake dust and road salt can cause irreversible corrosion.

Wash in straight lines, not circles, and use overlapping strokes to make less standing water for you to dry off.

Wipe it off with a damp or wet cloth, not dry.

Avoid parking under trees which may drop sap.

On newer model cars, do not attempt to "polish" light scratches. Most new vehicles have a clear coat finish that can be damaged if you do not use the proper method.

Never wax a car in direct sunlight. If your car's metal temperature is too hot, the chemicals in the wax can prematurely damage your car's finish.

Get a complete detail once a year.

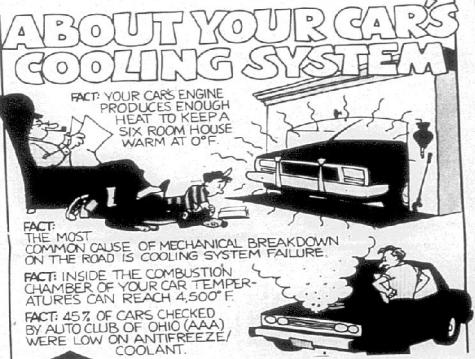
When washing your vehicle by hand, take the time to run your wash mitt along the inside bottom edge of the doors, lift gate, hood and trunk. These areas trap dirt and moisture causing premature rusting.

Avoid brush style car washes as they can cause dirt to scratch the car's surface.

High-powered sprays in car washes often blast grit into the car's finish, eventually wearing down paint. Use the lowest possible setting when using the "do-it-yourself" car washes.

Don't place grocery bags, luggage or other objects on the top of your car to avoid scratching the finish.

These tips were provided by Kurt Mueller, owner of Kurt's CARSTAR Collision Center. These tips and others may be found on CARSTAR's web site at www.carstar.com.

**Vehicle lights are important to consider**

When they're missing we're unaware of the danger ahead."

Another common lighting problem according to Oliver is found on vehicles with four-light systems with separate units for high and low beams. Because the high beam lamps are replaced less often the lamps are subjected to years of abuse from pebbles and other road debris.

Eventually hair-line cracks develop and moisture finds its way inside, corroding the reflector. The unit may appear to be working OK but it is not putting out as much light as it should.

Lights on for safety

"Some day it may be wide spread practice in the U.S. as it is in Canada and Sweden, that the headlights be turned on whenever the car is driven.

It's a proven safety measure and already is the law in the U.S. on two-wheeled vehicles where a light is automatically turned on with the ignition switch. Obviously, they are more visible to other drivers," says Oliver.

"An Avis travel safety study showed vehicles with daytime running lights (DRL) had a better accidents record than vehicles not so equipped."

But lights are worthless if they are not working. Oliver emphasizes, "All exterior lights should be checked periodically, not only for burned out bulbs and flashers but also for poor illumination of headlamps due to damaged reflectors."

It's also a good habit during every gas fill-up to check for dirt (and ice) on all lenses, front and rear. To minimize rain damage you can apply a glass treatment such as RAIN-X to help repel rain, sleet, and snow.

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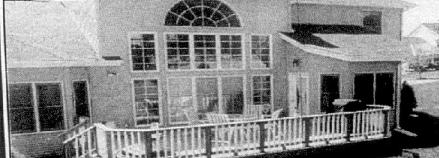
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